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In re the Application of: **Gaku TODOKORO, et al.**
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims with the following:

3. (Amended) A method of synchronizing databases of a plurality of monitoring devices according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a sixth step of receiving, by the first monitoring device, a control request for controlling the communications device from an operator; wherein the first step, when the first monitoring device receives the control request from the operator, the first monitoring device transmits the control command with a network address of the first monitoring device to the communications device.

4. (Amended) A method of synchronizing databases of a plurality of monitoring devices according to Claims 1, wherein the registered data is physical data.

13. (Amended) A system of synchronizing databases of a plurality of monitoring devices according to Claim 11, further comprising:

a control request receiving unit receiving a request for controlling the communications device from an operator; and
wherein the control command transmitting unit transmits the control command with a network address of the first monitoring device from the first monitoring device to the communications device, when the first monitoring device receives the control request from the operator.

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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3.(Amended) A method of synchronizing databases of a plurality of monitoring devices according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further comprising:

a sixth step of receiving, by the first monitoring device, a control request for controlling the communications device from an operator; wherein the first step, when the first monitoring device receives the control request from the operator, the first monitoring device transmits the control command with a network address of the first monitoring device to the communications device.

4. (Amended) A method of synchronizing databases of a plurality of monitoring devices according to ~~any of~~ Claims 1 through ~~3~~, wherein the registered data is physical data.

13. (Amended) A system of synchronizing databases of a plurality of monitoring devices according to Claim 11 ~~or 12~~, further comprising:

a control request receiving unit receiving a request for controlling the communications device from an operator; and
wherein the control command transmitting unit transmits the control command with a network address of the first monitoring device from the first monitoring device to the communications device, when the first monitoring device receives the control request from the operator.